



**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRIES
INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PILOT PROGRAM
GROWER LICENSING AGREEMENT**

This Grower Licensing Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into between the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries (“ADAI”) and **Participant** (hereinafter “License Holder”).

This Agreement, and the documents expressly incorporated by reference herein, together constitute the terms and conditions for License Holder’s participation in the Alabama Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program (hereinafter “Program”).

Section 1. Promises and responsibilities of License Holder.

In exchange for the commitments agreed to by ADAI in Section 2 of this Agreement, the License Holder:

- A. Promises to comply with the requirements set forth in Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21-.01 et seq. and Code of Ala. 1975, § 2-8-380 et seq., which are incorporated by reference into this Agreement;
- B. Affirms that hemp shall not be grown, handled, or stored at any location other than the ADAI approved locations listed on the License Holder’s application and subsequent Site Modification Request forms, which are incorporated by reference;
- C. Agrees to apply for licensing of all growing, handling, and storage locations, including GPS coordinates, and receive ADAI approval for those locations prior to having hemp on those premises;
- D. Acknowledges that License Holder shall submit a Site Modification Request Form, the appropriate fees based on the requested changes, and obtain prior written approval from a representative of the ADAI before implementing any change to the licensed sites stated in this Agreement, and that growing site changes are subject to a site modification surcharge in the amount specified in Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21-.04 for a new set of GPS coordinates;
- E. Acknowledges that License Holder, its representatives, agents and employees are acting as agents of the ADAI and must comply with instructions from representatives of the ADAI and law enforcement agencies;
- F. Agrees to pay the participation fee and other applicable fees set forth in Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21-.01 et seq.;
- G. Consents to the entry onto, and inspection of, all premises where hemp or other cannabis plants or materials are located, or licensed to be located, by representatives of ADAI and law enforcement agencies, with or without cause, with or without advance notice;

H. Consents to forfeiture and destruction, without compensation, of:

- 1) Plants or material found to have a measured delta-9-THC content in excess of 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis;
- 2) Plants or materials bearing off-label pesticide residues (or believed by ADAI to have had pesticides applied off-label), regardless of the source or cause of contamination;
- 3) Plants or material located in an area that is not licensed by ADAI; and
- 4) Plants or material not properly accounted for in required reporting to ADAI;

I. Agrees not to interplant hemp with any other crop without express written permission from ADAI;

J. Acknowledges that anyone applying pesticides to hemp shall hold a pesticide license and only apply pesticides in accordance with all state and federal laws;

K. Acknowledges that the License Holder shall comply with restrictions established by ADAI limiting the movement of hemp plants and plant parts;

L. Acknowledges that the risk of financial or other loss is borne solely by the License Holder;

M. Agrees that any time hemp is in transit, a copy of this Agreement shall be available for inspection upon the request of a representative of ADAI or a law enforcement agency;

N. Agrees that, upon request from a representative of ADAI or a law enforcement agency, the License Holder shall immediately produce a copy of this Agreement for inspection;

O. Agrees to submit Planting Reports, Harvest/Destruction Reports, Production Reports, and other reports required by ADAI, on or before the deadlines set by ADAI;

P. Agrees to scout and monitor unlicensed fields for volunteer cannabis plants and to destroy those volunteer cannabis plants for three (3) years past the last date of planting reported to ADAI;

Q. Agrees not to employ or rent land to cultivate hemp from any person who was terminated or denied admission to the Program for one or both of the following reasons:

- 1) Failure to obtain an acceptable criminal background check; or
- 2) Failure to comply with an order from a representative of ADAI;

R. Agrees that land used for the cultivation or storage of hemp shall not be owned by, leased from, or previously submitted in a license application by any person who was terminated, or denied admission to the program for one or both of the following reasons:

- 1) Failure to obtain an acceptable criminal background check; or
- 2) Failure to comply with an order from a representative of ADAI;

S. Agrees to notify ADAI of any interaction with a representative of a law enforcement agency immediately by phone (334-240-7225) and follow-up in writing (plant.protection@agi.alabama.gov) within three (3) calendar days of the occurrence;

T. Agrees to notify ADAI of any theft of hemp or other cannabis materials, whether growing or not;

U. Agrees to not allow another person to grow hemp in lieu of requesting a separate Grower Licensing Agreement;

V. Agrees that all seed, plants, or other propagules to be used by License Holder must have

documentation showing that mature plants grown from that seed variety or strain have a floral material delta-9-THC content of not more than 0.30 percent on a dry weight basis;

- W. Agrees to certify in writing that the License Holder's hemp replication plan will not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any person;
- X. Agrees to provide to ADAI, upon request, a copy of:
 - 1) Any intellectual property agreement License Holder has signed or executed related to hemp or other cannabis; and
 - 2) Any contract or other agreement related to the planting, replication, harvest, storage, transfer, transport, processing, and/or sales of hemp;
- Y. Agrees to comply with the federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations relating to product development, product manufacturing, consumer safety, and public health;
- Z. Agrees that the industrial hemp research is limited to the research plan as outlined in the License Holder's approved application. Any changes to the research plan must be approved in writing by ADAI, and any applicable fees paid to ADAI; and
- AA. Agrees to comply with any land use restrictions set forth by ADAI.

Section 2. Responsibilities of ADAI.

In exchange for the commitments agreed to by License Holder in Section 1 of this Agreement, ADAI agrees to perform the responsibilities below:

- A. Conduct the Program in accordance with the requirements set forth in Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21-.01 et seq. and Code of Ala. 1975, § 2-8-380 et seq.;
- B. Certify and license sites as required by 7 U.S.C. § 5940(b)(1)(B)(ii);
- C. Conduct a sampling and testing program to confirm harvest compliance with the legal definition of industrial hemp, stated in 7 U.S.C. § 5940 and Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21-.01 et seq., as "the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol [THC] concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis."

Section 3. Miscellaneous.

- A. The Parties agree that the terms of this Agreement supersede any previous agreement concerning the License Holder's participation in the Program as a Grower, but shall not supersede or alter the terms of any agreement concerning the License Holder's participation in the Program as a Processor/Handler.
- B. The Parties expressly agree to comply with the provisions of Ala. Admin. Code, and Code of Ala., all of which are incorporated herein by reference.
- C. The License Holder acknowledges the inherent risk associated with participation in a research program focusing on a new crop. License Holder acknowledges that License Holder bears sole responsibility for financial or other losses that may result from License Holder's choice to participate. License Holder agrees that ADAI is not responsible for reimbursing or

compensating License Holder for any loss resulting from License Holder's involvement with ADAI's Program, and waives any right to seek compensation for the value of such losses.

- D. Each provision of the Agreement is separate. If any provision is determined to be invalid, the rest of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. It is the intent of the Parties that if any provision of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable as written, then that provision shall be enforced to the extent permitted by law, and the remainder of this Agreement shall be unaffected and remain enforceable.
- E. Failure to comply with terms of this Agreement shall constitute grounds for appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination of this Agreement and expulsion from the department's program.
- F. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.
- G. The Parties agree that any dispute arising from this Agreement (or from any provisions of Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21 , or Code of Ala. 1975, § 2-8-380, all of which are incorporated herein by reference) shall be decided by the application of the laws of the State of Alabama; that the Montgomery County Circuit Court shall be the sole forum for the adjudication of such disputes, other than the administrative review procedures set forth in Ala. Admin. Code 80-10-21.
- H. ADAI does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity, ancestry, age (40 and over), disability, veteran status or genetic information in employment or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities.
- I. This Licensing Agreement shall expire December 31, 2019. Future participation in the Program will require License Holder to reapply and be approved by ADAI.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Licensing Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents as of the day and year first above written.

Christel F. Stewart, Plant Pest Administrator
Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries

Date

Signature of Signing Authority*

Date

Name

Printed Name of Signing Authority

Signing Authority*In the event the License Holder is not an individual, the person signing on behalf of the License Holder must have legal signing authority for the License Holder on file with ADAI, and state the capacity in which the person is signing.